

AGENDA

CONNECTICUT BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRISTS

**Wednesday, September 28, 2016
9:00 AM**

**Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut
Third Floor – Hearing Room**

CALL TO ORDER

I. MINUTES

Review and approval of the minutes of the May 25, 2016 meeting.

II. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATES

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Investigations Supervisor, DPH

III. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURN

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The following minutes are draft minutes which are subject to revision and which have not yet been adopted by the Board.

A meeting of the **Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists** was held on **May 25, 2016** at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, in third floor Hearing Room.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Carol Goldberg, Esq.
Lawrence Lefland, OD
Milagros Limson
Joseph Pavano, III, OD
Lawrence M. Sweeney
Regina A. Strand, OD

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Dr. Blondin called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Ms. Goldberg was welcomed to here first meeting as a member of the Board.

I. Minutes

The minutes from the March 2, 2016 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Pavano, seconded by Ms. Goldberg.

II. Department of Public Health Updates

Investigations Update

Gary Griffin, Department of Public Health, Practitioner Investigations Unit reported there are no cases currently being investigated by the Department.

III. Office of Legal Compliance

Lance Alpert, OD – Petition No. 2016-267

Staff Attorney Linda Fazzina, Department of Public Health, presented a Modification of Consent Order in this matter. Dr. Alpert was present with Attorney Michael Margolis.

Dr. Pavano made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lefland, to adopt the Consent Order modification. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Blondin signed the Order.

Following discussion on the process for modification of a Consent Order, Ms. Goldberg made a recommendation that the Department of Public Health add language to Consent Orders that would allow for future modifications.

IV. New Business

Request for Declaratory Statement regarding Optical Shop Permits

The Board reviewed a request from Raymond Szczepanski, OD asking for a declaratory statement as to whether optometric practices are required to have an optical shop permit.

The Board has become aware of a situation in which a complaint was filed against of optician working in a practice owned by an optometrist. The optician was cited for not having an optical shop permit. The complaint was investigated and resolved after a Department of Public Health review of the present optometry and optician statues. Based on this matter having been resolved by the Department, Dr. Lefland made a motion, seconded by Dr. Strand, to deny the request for a declaratory statement. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m. on a motion by Dr. Pavano.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Blondin, OD, Chairman
Connecticut Board of Examiners for Optometrists